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SUBJECT: HUA KUO-FENG'S TRAVELS

1. APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S VALUABLE REPORTING ON HUA KUO-FENG'S
VISIT TO ROMANIA. WE WILL, OF COURSE, BE VERY INTERESTED
IN ANY DETAILS YOU CAN DEVELOP IN CONVERSATIONS WITH
ROMANIAN OFFICIALS OR OTHER DIPLOMATS ON THE VISIT.

2. IN ADDITION TO THE MORE OBVIOUS TOPICS SUCH AS CHINA'S
RELATIONS WITH ROMANIA, THE SOVIET UNION, AND THE UNITED
STATES; MILITARY RELATIONSHIPS; ECONOMIC TIES; INCREASED
EXCHANGES; AND GENERAL STRATEGIC ISSUES; WE WOULD ALSO BE
INTERESTED IN ANY SNIPPETS ON HUA HIMSELF--HOW DID HE
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COMPORT HIMSELF IN THE MEETINGS AND AT SOCIAL FUNCTIONS?
DID HE STICK TO THE STANDARD CHINESE BRIEF OR DID HE
ENGAGE IN SUBSTANTIVE EXCHANGES? DID HE RELY HEAVILY ON
HIS ADVISORS OR DID HE TAKE CHARGE? IN GENERAL, WHAT WAS
HIS NEGOTIATING STYLE?

3. THIS ALSO APPARENTLY IS THE FIRST TIME CHI TENG-KUEI

AND CHAO TZU-YANG HAVE TRAVELED ABROAD. WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN ANYTHING YOU CAN DEVELOP ON THEIR RELATIONSHIP WITH HUA AND THEIR ROLE IN THE TRIP.

4. FOR BELGRADE AND TEHERAN: WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR PURSUING A SIMILAR LINE OF QUESTIONING AFTER HUA'S VISIT THERE. VANCE

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